(c) As provided under section 4(1) of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, the part-time Members are to be appointed on the recommendation of a Committee, consisting of Chairman, Council of States, Chairman, Press Council of India and a nominee of the President. As per section 4(3) of the Act, the part-time members shall be persons of eminence in public life.

Doordarshan and Air Stations in New Districts of M.P.

†1904. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the newly formed districts of Madhya Pradesh where the Doordarshan and AIR stations have not been set up;

(b) whether any scheme regarding setting up of the same in these district headquarters is under consideration;

(c) if so, by when these would be set up; and

(d) whether any demand has been made by the State Government in this regard, if so, the details tbttfcof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The network planning of AIR & Doordarshan is done with a view to cover a target area and not to set up Doordarshan/AIR kendra in each and every district in the States. All the districts of Madhya Pradesh including the newly created districts are covered partially or fully by a local or neighbouring transmitter. Six newly created district of Badwani, Kawardha, Dhamtari, Mahasamund, Dindori and Umaria are without a TV/AIR transmitter.

(b) and (c) Following schemes are under implementation: (i) One LPT each at Badwani and Sindhwa in Badwani district and (ii) One LPT at Pandaria in Kawardha district. These projects will be completed within the next financial year. There is no proposal for setting up new radio stations at any of these districts.

(d) No, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.